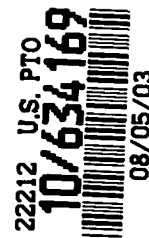




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Giuseppe Caputo et al.

Docket No.: DID1037USC1

Anticipated Classification of this application:

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Prior Application: 09/686,219

Examiner: Vincent P. Barth

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Mail Stop Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a
☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of pending prior application Serial No. 09/686,219, filed October 11, 2000, entitled METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE CONCENTRATION OF HEPARIN IN A SAMPLE OF FLUID and naming as inventors Giuseppe Caputo having an address of Via S. Anselmo 20, 10125 Torino TO, Italy, Raffaele Castelli having an address of Via Bologna 5/8, 41037 Mirandola MO, Italy, Elena Comoglio having an address of Via Principe Tommaso 21, 10125 Torino TO, Italy, Leopoldo Della Ciana having an address of Via Torino 475, 10015 Ivrea TO, Italy, and Arnaldo Giannetti having an address of Viale Po 64, 13044 Crescentino VC, Italy.

1. ☒ Enclosed are 13 pages of specification, 2 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, and 8 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1 to 6).
2. ☒ Enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (5 pages) from the parent application Serial No. 09/686,219.

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Date: August 5, 2003

Signature: Jodi Jung

Name: Jodi Jung

3. ☒ Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below.

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION					
Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	Basic Fee \$750.00
Total Claims	6-20	0	X	\$18.00	0
Independent Claims	1-3	0	X	\$84.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X	\$280.00	0
Total					\$750.00

5. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required filing fees.
7. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims ___ to ___ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
8. ☐ Amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first paragraph:
9. ☐ ___ sheets of new formal drawings are enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of application serial no. TO99A000882 filed on October 12, 1999, in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- 10b. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior application serial no. 09/686,219, filed October 11, 2000.

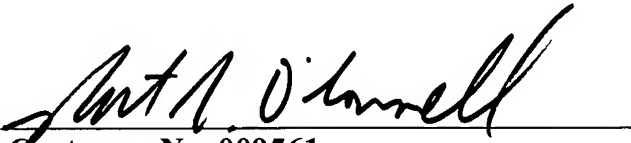
11. ☒ The Assignment records in the Patent and Trademark Office indicate that the parent application is assigned to: Dideco S.p.A. This Assignment is recorded at Reel 011803, Frame 0676.
12. ☐ A Statement Regarding Submission of Sequence Listing (2 pages) and a Request For Transfer of Previously Filed Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e) and M.P.E.P. § 2422.05 (2 pages) are enclosed.
13. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the parent application is to at least the following: Thomas E. Popovich (Reg. No. 30,099), Terry L. Wiles (Reg. No. 29,989), Patrick J. O'Connell (Reg. No. 33,984), and Miriam G. Simmons (Reg. No. 34,727).
 - a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the parent application.
 - b. ☒ A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - c. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) and Form PTO-1449 listing 8 documents (1 page, in duplicate) are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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